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FRG AND UK DEFADS ON THE EWG COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

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1. MISSION DEFAD (LEGERE) CALLED ON FRG DEFAD
(VON SANDRART) AND UK DEFAD (PETERS), INDIVIDUALLY,
TO ESTABLISH THE LATEST STATE OF PLAY BETWEEN THE
FRG AND UK DELEGATIONS AT NATO AND MODS BONN AND
LONDON WITH RESPECT TO ENTRENCHMENT ON THEIR OWN
RESERVATIONS AND FLEXIBILITY IN ACCEPTING US POSITIONS.

2. VON SANDRART AND PETERS WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT BONN
AND LONDON WOULD DROP A NUMBER OF THEIR FOOTNOTES
AND, IN THE CASE OF SOME OF THE BRACKETED SECTIONS,
ACCEPT THE STRONGER OF THE TWO VERSIONS. BOTH
BELIEVED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE US LANGUAGE IN THE
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REPORT, AND THE LANGUAGE ITSELF,
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(THE CURRENTLY BRACKETED PARAGRAPHS 19 BIS, 21 BIS,
23 BIS, 25 BIS, 33 BIS) MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEIR
AUTHORITIES PROVIDED REFERENCE TO "SINGLE MANAGERS"
WAS REMOVED. DEFAD ASKED EACH IF HE THOUGHT THE
SUBSTITUTION OF "PROGRAM COORDINATOR" FOR "PROGRAM
MANAGER" WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. EACH SAID HE PERSONALLY
BELIEVED SO.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES GENERALLY, VON SANDRART SAID THAT THE FRG AGREED 100 PERCENT WITH THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-THROUGH. HOWEVER, THE FRG WAS, AT THIS TIME, NECESSARILY CONCENTRATING ON PROGRAM SUBSTANCE. ALSO, BECAUSE THE FRG WAS LEGALLY RESTRICTED ON MILITARY MANPOWER, AGREEMENT TO RECOMMENDATIONS WITH DIRECT OR INDIRECT MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS REQUIRED CAREFUL INVESTIGATION AND HIGH LEVEL DECISIONS BY THE FRG. CONSEQUENTLY, THE FRG SUPPORTED CONSIDERATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND STAFFING CHANGES AFTER THE SUMMIT, WHEN THE SUBJECT COULD RECEIVE PROPER ATTENTION. PETERS STATED VIRTUALLY THE SAME CONCLUSION FOR THE UK. DEFAD ASKED VON SANDRART AND PETERS IF THEY THOUGHT INSERTION IN PARAGRAPH 40 OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REPORT OF THE WORDS "A NATO COMMANDER OR" BEFORE "AN IDENTIFIABLE AGENCY" IN LINE 10 MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO BONN AND LONDON. EACH SAID HE THOUGHT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD SUPPORT IT.

4. DEFAD MADE A QUICK PASS THROUGH THE ANNEXES WITH BOTH VON SANDRART AND PETERS. BOTH THOUGHT THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE NEW WORDING OF ANNEX C, PARAGRAPH 5 (B), CONCERNING PROVISION OF EXTRA RESERVE UNITS. IN ANNEX E (AIR DEFENSE), VON SANDRART SAID HE THOUGHT THE FRG WOULD DROP BOTH

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FOOTNOTES IN PARAGRAPH 7, AIR COMMAND AND CONTROL. HOWEVER, PETERS SAID THAT SIR CLIFFORD CORNFORD, AT NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CNAD MEETING, TOLD HIM THE UK MIGHT BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE MARK XII IFF ISSUE (PARA 11 (A) (I)) AND ADDITIONAL SURFACE TO AIR CAPABILITY (PARA 11 (A) (VI)).

5. ALTHOUGH PETERS WAS RELATIVELY POSITIVE ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ANNEX J (CONSUMER LOGISTICS), VON SANDRART SAID THE ANNEX STILL GAVE THE FRG SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS. CONCERNING THE LOGISTICS COMMAND IN AFCENT, VON SANDRART SAID THAT THIS WAS A CRITICAL ISSUE BUT NOT AN URGENT ONE. THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO NEED TO HAVE IT SOLVED AT THE DPC OR SUMMIT. HE ALSO ADDED THAT THIS LOGISTICS COMMAND CONCEPT HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IN BILATERAL FRG/US LOGISTICS GENERAL STAFF TALKS, AND, AT THAT LEVEL, BOTH NATIONS HAD AGREED THAT A SEPARATE COMMAND WAS NOT ADVANTAGEOUS.

6. VON SANDRART CHARACTERIZED THE 7-DAY COMMAND CONTROLLED STOCK OF SELECTED AMMUNITION ITEMS AS A SPLENDID GENERAL IDEA BUT ONE NOT SUFFICIENTLY WORKED

OUT. HE SAID THE FRG DID NOT CONSIDER THE TF-9 STUDY TO HAVE BEEN PERSUASIVELY THOROUGH. IT LEFT A LOT OF BITS AND PIECES TO BE RESOLVED. THEREFORE, THE FRG WAS NOT IN A POSITION OF RECOMMENDING "STUDYING THE STUDY", BUT MORE IN THE POSITION OF RECOMMENDING "FINISHING THE STUDY". FINALLY, VON SANDRART SAID THAT THE FRG CONSIDERED THE FORWARD STORAGE SITE RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 12 (F) AS A BLANK CHECK. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE RECOMMENDATION WERE NOT PROPERLY ASSESSABLE BECAUSE THE DETAILS NEEDED TO BE WORKED OUT.

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